for each of the plurality of sources in the product category, providing product information for the product using the value for the at least one extraction parameter and the corresponding program, including:

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if the product information includes product information for at least two sources of the plurality of sources, providing the product information for the at least two sources of the plurality of sources.

18. (Amended) An apparatus for providing information about a product, the product available for purchase from a plurality of sources, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a selection of a product category from a predefined set of product categories using information about the product;

means for accessing a list of extraction parameters for the product category;
means for receiving a selection of at least one extraction parameter in the list of extraction
parameters;

means for creating a corresponding program for each of the plurality of sources, the means for creating a corresponding program for each of the plurality of sources including

means for identifying a corresponding web site, the corresponding web site selling the product and

means for creating the corresponding program to extract data from the web site using the at least one extraction parameter;

means for receiving a connection from a client, the connection including a value for the at least one extraction parameter; and

means for providing product information for the product from each of the plurality of sources using the value for the at least one extraction parameter and the corresponding program, wherein if the product information includes product information for at least two sources of the plurality of sources, the means for providing product information provides the product information for the at least two sources of the plurality of sources.

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21. (Amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave comprising:

a computer program for developing descriptions of data of interest

a set of instructions for developing an extractor pattern interactively in a web page;

a set of instructions for receiving a selection of an instruction from a predefined set of instructions for inclusion of the instruction in the description of data of interest;

a set of instructions for associating the extractor pattern with the instruction;

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